



Oak Ridge High School Foundation Annual Report

Foundation Impacts

Music Choir Risers -

Lightweight yet extremely stable risers that make movement and setup fast and easy.

Science Mobile Computer

Labs - 2 mobile carts of laptops that enable science students to get hands on exposure to scientific concepts and theory.

21st Century Classroom

140 netbooks for 20 classes in history, English, math and science.

Trojan Performance

Center - 16 high performance weight stations with necessary weights and ancillary core improvement equipment.

Wrestling Mats - New

practice mats to cover the entire floor of the new Wrestling Facility.

Assembly/Gym Score

Board & Camera - State-of-the-Art digital/video scoreboard.



Road to Excellence, a Journey Begins!

- A message from Scott Spriggs –ORHS Foundation President

This has been an exciting and eventful year for the Foundation and ORHS! Our 2013 Campaign "Excellence in Education" was kicked off with a goal of raising \$500,000 of which we needed to raise \$350,000 before November 1. Thanks to support from community members like you, we reached the short-term goal of \$350,000. Nearly 400 families have contributed to the campaign so far and next year we hope to have over half the Oak Ridge families (850 out of ~1,700 total families) help to achieve excellence for our students.

The start of this journey to educational excellence was a series of workshops with parents, community members, teaching staff and administrators in the late spring of 2012. These workshops clarified expectations on what an excellent educational experience should look and feel like for our children as well as the immediate opportunities that would enable us to realize those expectations. I was truly impressed with the passion and conviction the parents, community members, teachers and school staff had to making Oak Ridge one of the top performing high schools in California.

Taking what we heard in the workshops, we worked with the District staff and school staff to target a number of academic, performing arts and interscholastic initiatives. These were packaged into the 2013 Campaign and we took our message of Education Excellence to the Oak Ridge community. The response has been tremendous! The \$350,000 in donations raised in the first six months of the campaign have been quickly put to use funding 140 electronic netbooks for 4 courses; equipping the new Trojan Performance Center with weight lifting stations as well as special flooring; installing new wrestling mats in the brand new Trojan Wrestling Facility; and purchasing a cutting edge video scoreboard and camera equipment for the district-renovated gymnasium/assembly building.

But this is only the beginning of our journey. A plan to create a truly revolutionary curriculum based around the New York Creek watershed that includes all the feeder schools to Oak Ridge is being actively developed. Additional programs to expand and enhance our STEM (Science,

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ORHS Point of Excellence

892 API – 4 point gain from 2012, in top 5% of high schools in state

National Honor Choir
2012-2013,
Dallas, TX

National Honor Band
2012-2013, Indianapolis,
IN

37 Co-Curricular and
Extra-Curricular Clubs

23 Athletic Programs
with 598 Student
Participants

22 students in 2013 have
signed letters of intent to
play college sports

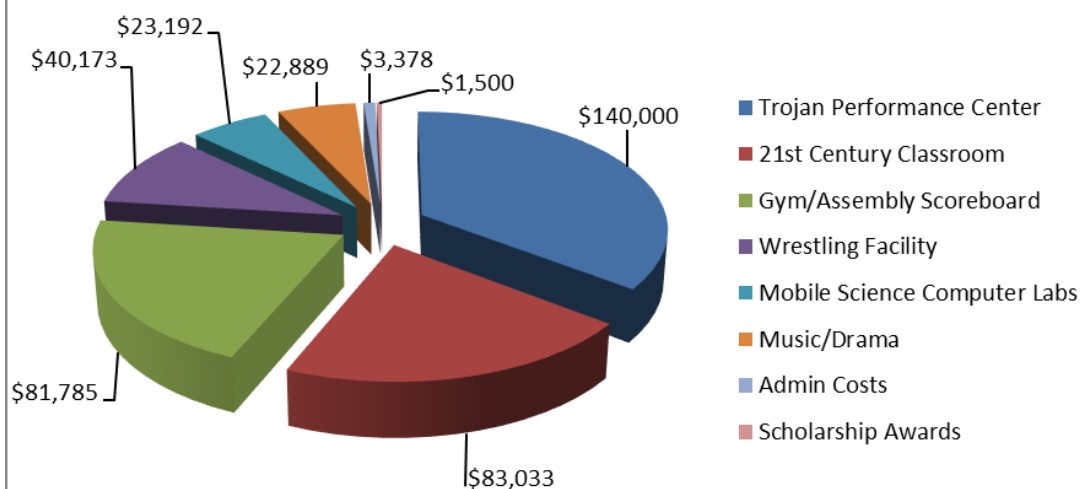
Recognized Blue Ribbon
School by U.S.
Department of Education

Recognized California
Distinguished School by
California Department of
Education



Where your
donations have
gone...

2013 Funded Programs



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Technology, Engineering and Math) capabilities are also being targeted. And our VAPA (Visual and Performing Arts) programs have tremendous needs to help take them to the next level. We plan to assist in filling those needs.

So if you've given to this year's campaign, *thank-you!* If you haven't had the opportunity, please consider the Foundation as part of your annual charitable giving. As I stated earlier we hope to have much broader participation by Oak Ridge parents and have a goal to get over 50% of our parents donating to the Foundation annually with contributions of at least \$25.

Thanks to our Co-Chairs!

The Foundation is extremely appreciative of the time, effort and leadership provided by Campaign for Excellence co-chairs - John Stone and Scott Hanson. Both chairs along with a few other community members graciously opened up their homes to host 8 Campaign kick-off events in April/May. These events got the ball rolling on communicating the needs targeted by the campaign and resulted in a strong showing of giving by the *nearly 150 attendees*. Over \$250,000 in donations were committed from these kick off events.

Thanks John and Scott!





Making a difference

Thanks to the Foundation we now have more practical and safer music risers. We now have enough space for all the singers to stand together and we have more rehearsal time because we spend less time moving equipment. We take more pride in our performances, knowing we have enough room for all the singers to stand and that the sturdier construction is safer.

Natalie Miller,
Choral Director

The ORHS Science department has benefited greatly from the donation of an abundance of technology which has included two mobile computer labs and a mobile tablet lab. This technology has allowed us to show scientific processes in action and further engage students with in-depth and hands-on learning. We are very grateful for the work the Foundation has done to support Oak Ridge High School

Casey Rhyan,
Science Teacher

Using the Finch robots really helps. Actually seeing what we are doing makes a HUGE difference in understanding the concepts."

Elliot Kirk – Student
in Ms Allen's AP
Computer Science

The Foundation will continue to focus on improving the educational experiences, state-of the art resources, and positive outcomes for all ORHS students. In 2014 and beyond, our efforts will support initiatives with new curricula in sciences and mathematics as well as new resources for the ORHS Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) programs.

New Science Curriculum and Resources. - Through the vision of ORHS faculty, local educators, and businesses – the Foundation will support the development of a new K thru 12 science curriculum using the many valuable resources of the New York Creek Watershed. The New York Creek program will

give our students a one-of-a-kind educational experience that relies on practical "hands-on" experiences in observing, testing, and monitoring the outdoor environment in our community. The Foundation's financial support for curriculum teams, ORHS class lab resources, construction of an outdoor lab/observation area, and other habitat study and conservation programs will markedly improve practical knowledge and excitement about science and technical careers. Each year, more than 1,200 ORHS students and 3,000 to 4,000 elementary and middle school students will benefit from this exciting long-term program.

VAPA Program Support - As more than 600 students participate in VAPA programs, the Foundation will strive to meet some of the critical needs for music and theater programs. We plan to help the program move to the next level with enhanced training resources and a "guest conductor" program to bring the quality and innovation of this program to even higher levels. The Theater Arts program will also have a number of critical needs met for replacement of obsolete lighting and sound equipment. Many students will reap the benefits of increasingly state of the art resources to better maintain their focus on creative endeavors and skill development.

Buy a Brick

With the expansion of the Gymnasium/ Assembly building, the Foundation saw an opportunity to let the Oak Ridge community leave their personal mark on campus. The Trojan Walk of Fame has been established to allow individuals or businesses to purchase an engraved brick to be permanently installed in the walkways leading up the entrances to the Gymnasium/Assembly building.

Nearly 400 engraved bricks are targeted to be installed in this walkway during the first year of this campaign.

Individuals who would like to donate to the Foundation and have an engraved brick added to the Walk of Fame can download an order form from the Foundation website –

orhsfoundation.com



The donation from the Foundation has transformed my classroom. My students have made fantastic gains in developing 21st Century skills such as being strong consumers of information and the importance of collaboration, work ethic, and professionalism. I am very thankful for the support the Oak Ridge Foundation has provided!

Erin Arthur Teacher

With the Finch robots, my AP Computer Science students can create programs and receive instant and visual feedback. The students are engaged and eager to write software that brings to life the abstract concepts of coding.

Developing Android apps on the Nexus 7 tablets gets students excited about coding. Learning to code teaches students how to be better thinkers and problem solvers.

Stephanie Allen
Teacher AP Computer
Science

Coming in 2014!

Corporate Giving Program

2013 marked the first year of the Oak Ridge High School Foundation corporate giving program. Our goal is to have every local and regional business that generates revenue in or around El Dorado Hills participate through annual or monthly contributions. This type of business effort has been in place in other Sacramento area cities for a number of years and has typically become a major part of their foundation's yearly contributions.

As our local realtors know, the quality of our schools (especially our high school) has a direct impact on whether many new residents choose El Dorado Hills or one of our surrounding communities. The competition in California in the academic world is just as fierce as it is on the athletic field. Corporate donations can play a critical role in Oak Ridge High School's academic ranking within the state of California with the net result ultimately impacting our housing, local business revenue and the quality of our work force through several generations.

Our corporate giving program is structured to reward our businesses (based on their contribution levels) through media recognition, social media publicity, complimentary tickets, advertisements, verbal recognition during sporting events, on campus signage, ORHS website promotion, ORHS Foundation window stickers, special business supporter days and legacy recognition for large donations.

As a true umbrella foundation for any worthwhile Oak Ridge High School program, the ORHS Foundation 2014 corporate giving campaign has already begun with outgoing calls to well over 100 El Dorado Hills businesses. Our goal is to secure as many commitments as possible during the fourth quarter of 2013 and the first quarter of 2014 when the majority of these donation decisions are made.

Performance Training Program

The foundation is working to maximize the new Trojan Performance Center by sponsoring a before and after school sport-specific performance improvement program. We are currently in the process of evaluating respondents to our RFP for this program and hope to have the program up and running by March 2014. The goal is to utilize best in class sports conditioning professionals to tailor sport specific programs for all our Oak Ridge students. Look for more details in January on this innovate program!



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